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Title: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF GENERATING FLAG, METHOD OF PRODUCING INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF ADJUSTING RECORDING CONDITIONS OF INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF RECORDING FOR INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND...

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), before payment of the issue fee.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of March 25, 2008, follows:

Cited Example 1 (see especially paragraph 44 and Figures 8 and 9) describes “a recording parameter adjustment method for an information recording medium wherein the asymmetry values for at least two sets of recording parameters are compared and the recording parameter adjustment method is determined based on the comparison results, the comparison being carried out by comparing a first asymmetry value for a first recording power that minimizes jitter and a second asymmetry value for a second recording power that is approximately 0.85 times said first recording power.”

(List of Cited Literature)

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-273073
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-25060
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-64064

<Record of prior art literature search results>

- Fields searched (IPC 8th Edition)

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- Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-231727, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2003-151160, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2003-203341

Copies of Documents D1 and D2 are not provided herewith, as these documents were submitted with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of June 27, 2006.

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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